

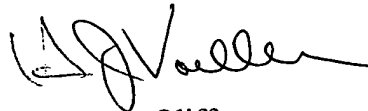
**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. By this Response, Applicants respectfully resubmit the Amendments to the Claims section of the August 12, 2003 Amendment, deemed by the Patent Office as non-compliant. Accordingly, the Amendment satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.

In view of the foregoing, and for all of the reasons set forth in the August 12, 2003, Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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